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Mark Your Calendar!

All services led by Cantor Kim Singer

Friday • January 8th

Shabbat Service at UCUMC at 7:30 pm

Sunday • January 10th

Religious School at Double R-9:00 am

Friday • January 15th

Shabbat Service at UCUMC at 7:30 pm

Saturday • January 16th

Shabbat Service at UCUMC at 10:00 am

Bar Mitzvah of Andrew Dross

Friday • January 22nd

Shabbat Service at UCUMC at 7:30 pm

Saturday • January 23rd

Shabbat Service at UCUMC at 10:00 am

Bar Mitzvah of Sam Kaplan

Sunday • January 24th

Religious School at Double R-9:00 am

Friday • January 29th

Tot Shabbat Service at 6:00 pm

Shabbat Service at UCUMC at 7:30 pm

Sunday • January 31st

Religious School at Double R-9:00 am

Friday • February 5th

Shabbat Service at UCUMC at 7:30 pm

Sunday • February 7th

Religious School at Double R-9:00 am

FROM THE BIMA

Cantor Kim Singer

This week we start a new book of Torah and a new year. I've never been one for resolutions on any of the various new years that come around as we travel through the calendar, but this year it seems an appropriate time for taking stock and making plans for the coming months.

On a personal level, I'm hoping to get my half marathon time back under three hours. Not having to worry about ice does make the winter training a easier. (Of course, this year there really isn't any ice in Massachusetts either). I've also been accepted into the program that will allow me to become a member of the American Conference of Cantors, which is the professional organization for cantors within the Reform movement. (My ordination was through a different seminary, which means some extra hoops to jump through).

I also want to bring you up to date on some things happening on the professional side—some of which you've probably noticed, but some that will be emerging in the next few weeks and months.

December saw our inaugural Shabbat Jam service. Kudos and many thanks to the musicians who answered the call to “just come and bring instruments.” Cy Barnert, recorder, Sarah Cooper, trumpet, Ben Greenberg, tenor sax, Sam Greenberg baritone sax, Austin House, trombone, Judy Procell, percussion, Jennifer Sherman, flute, Thomas Ulman, percussion, Joel Zishuk, guitar. I know the December date was tricky for many of our musicians. I hope more of you will be able to join our next Jam on February 5! Please email CantorKim@gmail.com for music. It's fine to start with just one or two songs. Let's make a joyful noise!

I've also met with various leaders to raise TSS's visibility in the larger community. I'll be co-leading the women's Tu B'shvat seder for JNF on January 21. I hope some of you will join me. We're also working on collaborations with UCF Hillel—more info when details are set.

Finally (for now), January 22nd is Shabbat Shira, the Sabbath of Song. So named because both Torah and Haftarah portion for the week feature a poem/song—the Song at the Sea and Song of Debo-

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Service Location

University Carillon United
Methodist Church (UCUMC)
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1395 Campus View Court, Oviedo 32765
(corner of Lockwood & McCulloch)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Aaron Sherman

Each year my family travels north to visit extended family living in the Midwest. Driving north from Florida gives me an opportunity to see the seasons change quickly from “summer” (let’s face it... when the A/C is still on, it’s still summer) to winter. Over the course of a day, I get to see the results of changes that have happened slowly over the course of several weeks during the fall. Sometimes in our lives, something significant happens and we notice the changes as easily as you notice the seasons shifting while driving across the country. Other times, we watch the change happen slowly around us until it is so complete we notice that it is different.

For me, December has been a month in which I’ve noticed how the goals the Board set for Temple Shir Shalom in August are being carried out for the benefit of the congregation. We’ve been adding little pieces here and there through the fall. We are still working on every week Shabbat observances, but while we do so, Cantor Kim has introduced some new elements to our Friday services. We’re now reading Torah once a month during our Friday services. We’re also doing more with themed Shabbat services, whether it is a Religious School class led Shabbat service, or the first of Temple Shir Shalom’s Shabbat Jam where anyone who plays a musical instrument is invited to participate. The idea that we need to provide a variety of activity for our membership has been a Board discussion point for several years and I’m glad to have Cantor Kim’s help and leadership in bringing this variety to our Shabbat services.

During the fall, the Board also established an emphasis for engaging more with the community. We set this as a five year goal, but there have been some important first steps taken this fall that will set the foundation for accomplishing the goal. The Membership Team, under Jennifer Hall’s leadership, has been very active this fall in finding ways to participate in our local and Jewish Communities. They organized our participation in the Jewish Pavilion’s Taste in

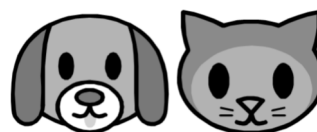
the Park and Oviedo Women’s Club Great Day in the Country community events in November. They also organized our participation in the Hanukarnival 2015 event at the JCC in Maitland. I cannot emphasize enough how significant these first steps are, nor thank the Membership Team and volunteers who worked at these events enough. We aren’t well practiced at showing the community that we can and want to participate, but we won’t ever be able to convince them without having taken these first steps.

As much as I notice the changing of the scenery while heading North, I also pay attention to how when we drive back home to Orlando, I see the scenery change back to the comfort of home, even if it’s just a little bit different than it was when I left. I sincerely believe that the small changes that are occurring in our congregation are strengthening it. It is my desire to work with the Board and TSS leadership so we can continue to find the right ways to bring changes that strengthen our congregation and enhance our ability to meet you where you are on your spiritual journey through life. I hope that as the variety of our experience increases, you find new ways to enjoy participation at Temple Shir Shalom. On the off chance we’re still not hitting on the thing that’s most important to you, please let me or another Board member know so we can work on the change that helps you out.

*Shalom,
Aaron*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Did you know that you can subscribe to TSS's online calendar to receive automatic calendar updates in your calendar application? Go to our website at templeshirshalom.org and click on the Calendar heading. You can choose to subscribe to our service schedule, religious school schedule, events schedule and/or youth schedule. Just one more way to stay connected to your TSS family!



IF ANYONE HAS ANY TOWELS, SHEETS, BLANKETS, COMFORTERS, OLD DOG AND CAT FOOD BOWLS, AND ALSO COLLARS, AND ANYTHING ELSE THAT WOULD HELP TO KEEP OUR 'BABIES' AS COMFORTABLE AS WE CAN. WHEN WE HAVE THESE COLD NIGHTS, EVERY SINGLE DOG AND CAT GETS A BLANKET TO SNUGGLE IN, AND SO WE GO THROUGH MANY A WEEK. YOU CAN DROP ITEMS OFF AT TEMPLE BEFORE SERVICES OR YOU CAN CALL ME AT 407-365-0510 TO ARRANGE A PICKUP.

SANDY RIBAKOFF

EDUCATION INFORMATION

December was a fun and festive month in TSSRS, with the high point being our school-wide Hanukah celebration. Students constructed edible menorahs, created “stained glass” effect dreidle art, played a Hanukah version of Chutes and Ladders and, of course, enjoyed tasty snacks. Thanks to Sari Stender and our room parents for the goodies, and to the teachers and madrichim for helping to staff the stations.

Check your calendar! Classes meet January 10, 24 and 31. Parents are invited to join us from 11am-noon on January 24 for a tasty celebration of Tu Bish'vat. Also, 3-4th grade parents, your Intergenerational Learning Day is coming up on Feb 7. The program runs from 9-12, parents, grandparents and other special adults are invited to attend. Please RSVP to CantorKim@gmail.com. We'll be learning about—and sampling—the seven species of food that are associated with the land of Israel. An informative (and yummy!) time will be had by all.

Want to read a little Torah?

TSS has added Torah reading once a month on Friday nights. If you'd like to read a short (3-5 verse) aliyah, please contact Cantor Kim to reserve the date and get materials.

Available dates:

February 12 (Grade 5-6 class Shabbat, Scout Shabbat)
Parasha: Mishpatim

March 11 Parasha: P'kudei

April 8 (Grade 3-4 class Shabbat) Parasha: Tazria

May 13 (Grade K-2 class Shabbat, Israel Shabbat) Parasha: K'doshim

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rah, respectively. Many synagogues offer a special musical program. That date also marks the fifth yearzeit for Debbie Friedman, z"l, so we'll be featuring her music, some familiar and some less well-known.

The opening chapters of Shemot jump quickly: the sons of Jacob settle in Egypt, a Pharaoh enslaves them, Moses encounters God at the burning bush and returns to Egypt to free his kinfolk. The initial steps to freedom made the lives of the Israelites worse, not better. Pharaoh answers the demand for their release by cutting off the supply of straw but insisting on the same number of bricks (meaning they had to gather their own straw in addition to the other tasks.) The people, not surprisingly, are upset at Moses, leading him to ask God, “Why did you send me?” God tells Moses to be patient, that the (temporary) discomfort serves a greater good.

I'd like to thank you all for sticking by me as we adapt to each other. There have been glitches, and there will undoubtedly be more. But I believe that it's all for a greater good. Hazak, hazak v'nithazek—may we continue to be strong, and to strengthen one another.

Best, Kim

Tot Shabbat

A special Shabbat for our youngest members and friends! Join Cantor Kim and Kimbu to welcome Shabbat with song, story and special surprises! Friday January 29. Service: 6pm UCUMC EpiCenter, dinner at 6:30. Full Shabbat service follows at 7:30.

WATCH EMAIL BLAST FOR DETAILS ON PIZZA DINNER AT 6:30 PM BETWEEN SERVICES.



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Andrew Ryan Dross



Andrew is a seventh grade student at Indian Trails Middle School in Winter Springs, FL where he has been on the track and field

team and played tuba in band for the past two years. Andrew has always loved sports and has been involved with basketball, flag football and baseball since he was four years old. His favorite football team is the Giants and his favorite baseball team is the Yankees.

Andrew has been a member of Temple Shir Shalom almost all of his life and has been in religious schools since kindergarten. For his B'nai Mitzvah project he has helped his community in many ways such as volunteering at the Hope Center as a shepherd, helping out at the Ronald McDonald house, visited the Tremont and made care packages for Give Kids the World. He is also participating in the "Remember Us" Holocaust B'nai Mitzvah project.

Andrew has lots of family and friends coming to help him celebrate this special day. He'd especially like to thank those making the extra effort to come from Maryland, Virginia, Vermont and South Florida.

Sam Kaplan

Sam Kaplan, son of Jeff and Julie Kaplan, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on January 23, 2016.

Sam is a 7th grader at Lawton Chiles Middle School where he is a straight A student in the gifted program. During the school year, he has served as a mentor and assistant to special needs students through the Exceptional Student Education Program at his school. He has a natural rapport and ability to interact with those who have special needs and has a new found appreciation and level of acceptance for these students.

Sam is a tuba player and was honored to be selected as one of 8 players in the state to be a member of the 2016 All State Middle School Band. The week before his Bar Mitzvah, he will be attending the Florida Music Educators Conference in Tampa, rehearsing and performing with the All State Band.

Sam enjoys traveling with his family and attending Stetson's School of Music Brass Camp.

Sharing in Sam's special day will be many special friends and family.



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Potluck

January 15th

The B'nai Mitzvah class, the Nelson family, the Schulman family, the Nager family, the Levenson family, the House family in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Andrew Dross

January 22nd

The families of his Hebrew class: Dross, Demner, Geismar, Fedigan, Karter in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Sam Kaplan

January 29th
Potluck

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TEEN STUFF:**BBYO:**

WHAT: MIT/AIT LTI (PC 3010)

WHO: BBYO Members Only in grades 8TH-12TH

WHEN: Friday January 15th 2016, 6:00 PM - Sunday January 17th, 2:00 PM

WHERE: Lake Placid Camp and Conference Center, 2665 Lake Placid View Drive, Lake Placid FL 33852

COST: \$225.00 Deposit Required: \$50.00

REGISTER: http://b-linked.bbyo.org/event/83432_NFR_-_MIT_AIT_LTI
 Hey NFR, get ready for our first convention of 2016! MIT/AIT/LTI: Build as One is going to be a ONE-OF-A-KIND convention. This is a perfect event for any of our new members and older leaders,

as we focus on BBYO history, brotherhood/sisterhood, and how to develop your inner leader. *Transportation is provided for Orlando, Sarasota and Naples teens. *Scholarship is available on a need basis. Contact the regional office for more information *Cancellations that require a full refund must be made in writing prior to January 6, 2015. Contact Skylar Haas via email SHAas@bbyo.org for more information.

Who: 8th-12th graders

What: Ilan Ramon Elections

When: January 3, 2016 from 5 - 7 pm

Where: Home of Joel Zishuk, 791 Pickerington Place, Oviedo
 Come schmooze about your break and help elect the new Spring term board for Ilan Ramon #5378. See you Sunday!!

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 7:00 pm



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 Cantor Kim Singer of Temple Shir Shalom and Cathy Swerdlow

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For more information, contact Laura Abramson at labramson@jnf.org

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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

2 Levi Huse
 2 Ari Schein
 4 Joyce York
 5 Philip Copeland
 5 Richard Miller
 7 Eve Schein
 8 Arthur DeFilippo
 10 Eli Smith
 14 Julianna DeFilippo
 14 Beth Schafer
 15 Dylan Smith
 16 Samuel Greenberg
 17 Susan Holstein
 18 Gert Friedman
 28 Mandy Nelson
 28 David Ullman
 28 Benjamin Vogin

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 Jeffrey Goldblatt
 3 Marvin Guttman
 4 Aiden Lesnick
 5 Denyse Demner
 8 Sarah Cooper
 8 Alexis Schulman
 12 Doug Holcomb
 12 Nira Stein
 13 Sam Cooper
 13 Gary Hall
 14 Ann Corenblum
 14 Amanda Holstein
 15 Thomas Huse
 17 Ava Maxwell
 18 Justin Baronoff
 19 Kim Glusky
 19 William Holstein
 22 Joshua Corenblum
 23 Olivia Stender
 25 Everett Terwilliger
 25 Chelsea Glusky

26 Shep Burr
 27 Bonnie Baronoff
 28 Aubrie Karter
 28 Madison Miller

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

12 Marvin & Toby Guttman
 17 Philip & Janine Copeland

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

12 Andrew & Kimberly Isaacson
 13 Steven & Mandy Nelson
 17 Michael & Leslie Collin
 20 Arthur & Deanna Defilippo

Temple Shir Shalom Teams

TSS is looking for volunteers to help with our core planning teams. If you are interested in helping, please contact the appropriate lead.

Education

The Education and Youth Team helps to support our religious school and SHFTY youth groups by working closely with our RS director and youth advisor on planning special events, reviewing and advising on curriculum or recommending policy for the religious school and youth groups. Contact Dale Mester (dfmester@aol.com) to help with the Education Team.

Membership

The Membership Team is responsible for membership outreach activities. They work to develop programs and advertising to draw new members to our congregation. They also manage our membership records and work to pair up members with TSS teams based on interests as described on the membership forms. Contact Jennifer Hall (happyjen68@gmail.com) to help with the Membership Team.

Ritual

The Ritual Team is responsible for ritual aspects of synagogue life. They work with the Spiritual Leader of the congregation to set the Shabbat and holiday service sched-

ule, plan special Shabbat observances, organize volunteer lay leader participation on Shabbat and holidays, plan communal holiday observances (Sukkot, Simchat Torah, Chanukkah, etc.) and care for the ritual equipment. Contact Aaron Sherman (ajsherman@cfl.rr.com) to help with the Ritual Team.

Social

The Social Team is responsible for planning and organizing social membership inreach activities for families and adults such as the annual picnic, game nights, progressive dinners and other social activities that aren't tied to specific religious observances. Contact Sharon Zishuk (sharonz@cfl.rr.com) to help with the Social Team.

Social Action

The Social Action Team is the Tikun Olam arm of Temple Shir Shalom. They are responsible for organizing and advertising Temple-wide involvement in social action activities such as the Susan G. Komen Walk for the Cure, High Holiday and Thanksgiving food drives and Walk for Autism. Contact Cy Barnert (cybarlight@msn.com) to help with the Social Action Team.